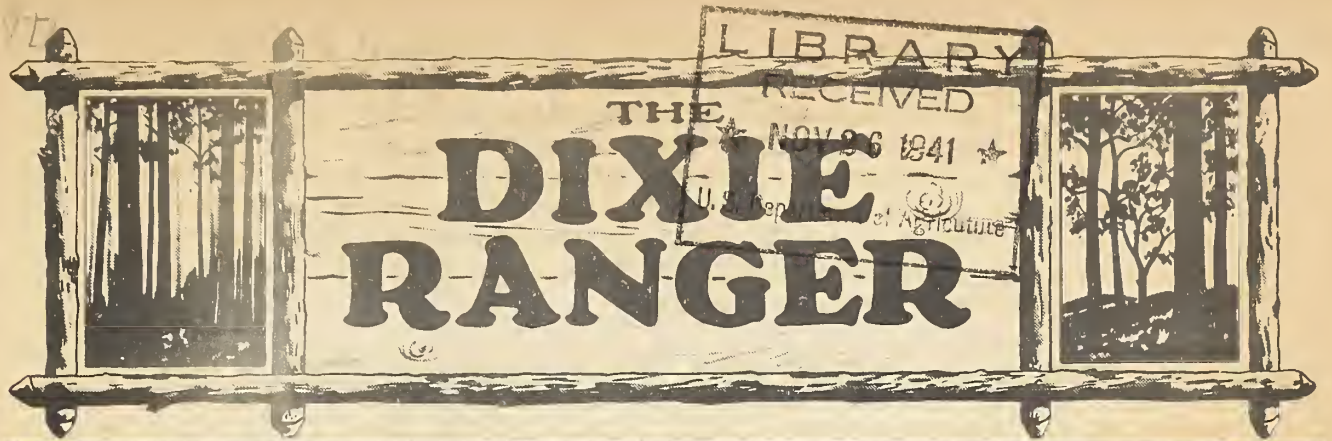


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"COUNT YOUR MANY BLESSINGS"

It is hardly likely that any one would question the assertion that Americans are the most blessed and fortunate people in a world that at the moment seems to be flying to pieces. Every day the people of this country enjoy priceless blessings that they casually take for granted. Dr. Hugh Findlay, in his lecture "Bread and Roses" deploras this national attitude and speaks of it as "breaking bread without grace". This seems, indeed, an apt description for us here in this land of plenty, where the average citizen grumbles about taxes and the high cost of living without reflecting on the way of life in other countries where such things as three meals a day and a peaceful night's sleep are unattainable luxuries.

It is human nature to appreciate a thing in ratio to the effort or sacrifice necessary to attain it. Americans have so long enjoyed abundant blessings and privileges without much personal effort on their part that they have fallen into the bad habit of considering them as a matter of course. Our national day of Thanksgiving was decreed by the Pilgrim fathers when this country was very new for the purpose of rendering thanks for blessings they had enjoyed. They were filled with gratitude for the abundant harvests which they had labored so hard to produce during that first year in this wonderful new land. These Pilgrims of old knew the meaning of courage and hard labor and it was with weary bodies, yet grateful spirits that they gave thanks to Him who governs all seasons and particularly blesses the harvest time.

It seems singularly appropriate that Thanksgiving as we know it was instituted by farmers - tillers of the soil. Forestry and farming are close kin. Farmers and foresters speak the same language. They work with green and growing things and the harvests of their labors are reaped from the soil -- that element on which all life depends. Better than most, farmers and foresters appreciate the value of toil, and the commonplace things of daily life.

Thanksgiving comes this year to an America still at peace yet grimly rearming herself in the determination to bring about a world in which all men can be thankful. Everyone will be called upon to make sacrifices before this comes to pass. We must make adjustments in our way of living, and overhaul our sense of values. The spirit and morale of a people are as essential to the defense of a country as navies and troops and fighter planes. We are better citizens and truer patriots when we recognize and acknowledge the blessings we enjoy as citizens of the greatest country in the world.

True, we face anxiety and apprehension on all sides. Still, as with the Pilgrim fathers, there is much to be thankful for. In the beautiful country that is the South, with the rich colors of its peaceful gardens and fields and forests, autumn is a season well suited for us to heed the admonition of the old hymn: "Count your many blessings...".

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#### ANOTHER TIMBER RECORD

In this day and age past records are being broken so often and new achievements are so great that one hesitates before making any new claims, not knowing when or where the present records will fade into obscurity.

Recently the Ozark established an all time forest high for white oak by letting a bid for 960,000 bd. feet at \$35.00 per thousand, and now all previous pine records on this forest have been exceeded by awarding a small advertised pine sale of 640 MM at \$12.30 per thousand bd. ft.

This price for pine may not seem high to the forests famous for their pine stands, but to us in the Ozarks where pine is scattered and secondary to the more valuable white oak, and where logging is exceedingly rough, we consider this price as something to crow about just a bit.

- - - Ray Brandt  
Ozark

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#### ANNUAL MEETING SOCIETY OF AMERICAN FORESTERS

The annual meeting of the Society of American Foresters will be held on December 18-20 at the George Washington Hotel in Jacksonville, Fla.

"The Forestry Situation in the South" will be the theme of the opening session and Regional Forester Kircher is scheduled to speak. A field trip will be made to Olustee and vicinity to inspect woods and naval stores operations, and the State Forest Nursery, and the Osceola National Forest.

Other Regional speakers scheduled for the meeting are: E. L. Demmon and I. F. Eldredge, Southern Station; C. W. Strauss and R. M. Conarro, Regional Office, and Arthur Bevan of the Tropical Forest Experiment Station.

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## THE TELLICO'S GAME HARVEST

In five short but crowded years the Tellico has sprung from a depleted and practically denuded country to a thriving game management area. The 1941 fishing season is a record of 2,657 satisfied fishermen catching 13,287 trout for an average catch of 5 fish per man day. These fishermen hailed from fifteen states and spent many a dollar in the nearby town of Tellico Plains, Tennessee.

October and November, the harvest months, find the Tellico harvesting its game crop. Party bear and wild boar hunts are scheduled for the Citico and Tellico drainages. A big game hunt for the North River area which will give the hunters three days ideal hunting for the white tailed Virginia deer, the Russian boar and the American black bear (Cosmopolitan what?) all for 5 bucks too. On the Bald River drainage 5 bucks again opens the shrine to boar and bear hunting but this hunt differs from the North River still hunt in that dogs are used.

Applications are still pouring in for the Tellico hunts although all dates are full. This proves that the Tellico area is already popular with the sportsmen and will increase in popularity as it matures.

- - Bill Huber  
Cherokee

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### F. S. TO F. S. A.

These cryptic initials represent no new government agency, nor are they football jargon. As a concession to the legal fraternity in the matter of making obscure and mysterious our meaning, it indicates that Regional Attorney Mynatt has left the Forest Service for the Farm Security Administration. His promotion was announced in a letter from Regional Forester Kircher under date of November 8.

Mr. Mynatt's host of friends in the Region will be interested in his letter which is printed below. Everyone shares Mr. Mynatt's sentiment concerning his stock in the organization and the hope to see him often. In saying good-bye to him here, we wish him the very best of everything.

"Mr. Kircher and members of Region 8:

As I terminate my connection with the Region, I recall clearly the exclamation of Mr. Stabler on the day I reported for duty in May 1935, 'My goodness, they have sent us one to raise!' If that was true, and I'll neither admit nor deny it, (Isn't that just like a lawyer - Ed.) I was fortunate indeed to have had the opportunity of working with you all during 'that period'.

The many kindnesses and courtesies extended to your "brother-in-law" are deeply appreciated. As a symbol of our work together,

and as recognition of my continuing interest in such work, I shall always feel that I have one life-time, non-transferable share of stock in your organization.

Montgomery isn't so far away, and I'll expect to see you often. My best wishes for continued success.

Fred Mynatt."

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#### OZARK'S BLUE OVER LOSING GRAY

Back in the dear, dead days beyond recall, the Ozark couldn't find all the shovels and similar hand tools it was supposed to have, and after much dither and search a certain individual's face got redder than usual, and he broke down and confessed that they were up on the side of the mountain under an old oak tree. A hoarding that would put any squirrel to shame. That was Cleve Gray, old timer of the Ozark.

Sturdy, pink-cheeked, always smiling, he roamed the hills with a practiced eye and traced out many a mile of road location. Then he went ahead and built the road all the way from wheeling a grader to showing the individual enrollee how to use an axe or pack a blast hole.

On the road, in the camps, he was always welcome as a friend -- somebody to help. After all, this is the very best that can be said of any man. And now Cleve (Sr. Foreman C&M, April 1923-October 1941) is leaving us by resignation this October when the leaves put on their big show and then come tumbling down. Cleve has 190 acres of stock farm in a pretty valley near Valley Springs, Arkansas. This he desires to improve and feels that it should be done now rather than wait for retirement which would take another six years. Too, Mrs. Gray is only in fair health and Cleve wants to be at home with her. Eighteen years of camp life make a man weigh these things carefully and home and family is the underlying rock of all our living.

Cleve, we bid you farewell with the best wishes of all in the Service. May your plans mature to prosperity and the peace and contentment you desire be yours for many years to come. Come in to see us every chance you get, and we warn you to be expecting many of us to drop by for a chat with you when duties call us by your "ranch".

- - W. C. Branch,  
Ozark

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#### CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION

The Manager, Fifth U. S. Civil Service District, Atlanta, Ga. announces that applications will be accepted continuously until further notice for open competitive examination for MECHANIC LEARNER (For filling Student-Trainee, Aircraft and Engine Mechanic positions, the Civilian

Service in the Army Air Corps.) The examination will be held at a number of places in each of the following states: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, South Carolina and Tennessee. Applications should be filed with the U. S. Civil Service office in Atlanta, Ga., and applicants will be notified when to appear for the assembled written examination. This examination might be of interest to CCC enrollees.

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### LIBRARY LINES

FORESTRY IN FARM MANAGEMENT, by R. H. Westveld and R. H. Peck.

Wiley, 1941. 339 p., illus. \$3.00.

MANAGEMENT OF FARM WOODLANDS, by C. H. Guise. McGraw-Hill, 1939.

352 p., illus. \$3.00.

C. F. Evans, Division of State and Private Forestry, comments as follows: "Two books, different but both competent, on a most timely topic. Both run the gamut from ecology to marketing and will serve well as an introduction to the subjects covered. Well-adapted to the needs of county agents and others trained in agriculture but not in forestry. Westveld and Peck have given more space to the management of southern stands and have included an excellent chapter on naval stores operations. Even foresters of experience will get some valuable pointers from these books."

HUNGER SIGNS IN CROPS: A SYMPOSIUM, edited by Gove Hambidge. Published by American Society of Agronomy and National Fertilizer Association, Washington, D. C. (c1941) 326 p., illus. \$2.50.

"The plant food elements for which deficiency symptoms are described are nitrogen, phosphorous, potassium, calcium, magnesium, sulfur, iron, manganese, boron, copper, and zinc." Reviewed in "Land policy review", Oct. 1941.

BOUNDARY PROBLEMS AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS: PITFALLS AND HOW TO AVOID THEM, by D. G. W. Ricketts. Pelican publishing co., New Orleans (c1939) 131 p., 140 plates. \$4.00.

ADJUSTMENT OF PERSONALITY: SERIES OF LECTURES AT THE GRADUATE SCHOOL OF THE U. S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE, JANUARY--MARCH 1939. Washington, D. C., 1939. 171 p., processed. 50¢.

This series is an extension of the lectures on psychology, "Understanding ourselves," published in 1938 (copy in Regional Library).

Partial contents: Making the best of our nerves; Getting along with our emotions; Adjustment in relation to the unconscious; Educating ourselves in the problems of sex; Adjusting ourselves to the daily work; Freedom from fear and worry.

- - Rachel Lane  
Librarian

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### A THUMB NAIL SKETCH

Assistant Supervisor Bill Callander of the Ozark has been described to us as a guy who could with impunity "sass policemen and slap down headwaiters". After meeting him we decided that he could do all of that, but the description should be qualified somewhat so as not to mislead one into thinking of Assistant Supervisor Callander as a belligerent individual. He is none of that. Quiet and unassuming in manner, there is about him the strength and dependability of the West at its best. We would pick him for our side in any scrap. He is the type who would prefer not to have trouble, but who would know exactly what to do with it, if it came along. He impresses us as a man who hits straight from the shoulder and talks just as straight.

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### TRAVELLER, LOOKOUT!

(The right to choose the mode of travel is not always yours)

The Comptroller General of the United States in decision dated August 7, 1941 stated:

"An administrative officer who is vested with authority to direct the travel of Government employees may order such travel by Government transportation in lieu of common carrier, and an employee ordered so to travel who nevertheless travels by common carrier may be reimbursed only for such expenses other than speculative, as the Government would have sustained had the travel been as ordered, and may not be reimbursed for the cost of the common-carrier travel."

- - H. B. Herms  
Regional Office

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### NAVAL STORES EXHIBIT

Visitors to the Covington County Fair held at Andalusia, Alabama, October 20 to 25, viewed an interesting exhibit prepared by the U. S. Forest Service.

Naval stores inspector, James L. Coleman, cooperating with the Alabama National Forest, exhibited three turpentine faces cut in two foot sections. The display consisted of one working face, one face discontinued from production and protected from fire, and one face showing damage by fire. Around the protected faces was placed a litter of pine straw and around the burned face, ashes.

Between the working and discontinued faces was placed a gallon of oleoresin and next, proportionate amounts of rosin and turpentine obtained.

A display of small long leaf and slash pine were also shown.



Signs in the booth read:

FIRE PREVENTION  
IS  
MY BUSINESS  
YOUR BUSINESS  
GOOD BUSINESS

DEFEND AMERICA  
BY HELPING TO  
PROTECT ITS  
GREATEST NATIONAL  
RESOURCE  
THE FOREST

- - - John R. Nevers  
Pensacola District

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### CONSERVATION IN CANS

One of the refreshing features of a field assignment is that it brings to one's attention many things other than forest conservation. Recent Arkansas travelers making the trip to Devil's Knob Tower were reminded anew of this fact.

It was interesting to learn that the name "Devil's Knob" was bestowed on the site because of the big snakes found there, and interesting to see for the first time a dispatcher's station with the tower, flagpole, rain gauge, anemometer (wind velocity gauge, to you) and all the other equipment at this model, well-kept station. However, the most interesting feature from the travelers' viewpoint was not the magnificent view nor the technical equipment, but an exhibit that might well have been labeled "Conservation in Cans". It consisted of 700 quarts of the best looking fruits and vegetables imaginable. Row after row and box upon box stood cans of beans, beets, okra, spinach, corn, carrots, cabbage, cucumbers, and all the other vegetables a Burbank could visualize, along with peaches, apples, strawberries, cherries and other fruits. Last but not least was the assortment of jams, jellies, tomatoe juice and grape juice.

This wonderful array of good things to eat represented the enterprising efforts of Mrs. Huffines, wife of towerman-dispatcher Mayford H. Huffines. In addition to housekeeping and operating the dispatcher's switchboard, Mrs. Huffines had found time this summer to stock up one of the most tempting food supplies to be found in a long day's journey.

A very small garden plot adjacent to the house provided a supply of tomaties, sweet peppers, and greens, but the Huffines had rented a garden area at the foot of the mountain which supplied the bulk of the canned vegetable supply, and on which also was grown sweet potatoes, Irish potatoes, popcorn, and peanuts to be stored with the fruits and vegetables for use during the winter.

The gracious hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Huffines was a factual demonstration to their guests that the "proof of the pud-

ding is in the eating", and left the visitors with the impression that while the rest of the world may be worried about its food supply, no lean days are indicated for Devil's Knob Tower.

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### PENNY PORTRAITS

"You've probably met him if you've ever been hunting or fishing in Pisgah. And, if you have, we believe you'll agree there couldn't be a better word picture painted of him than the one Pisgah Game Warden John H. Stanley penned and dropped into the mail last week.

'When (writes Warden Stanley) you first see him, his darkly tanned face, slouch hat and heavy gun belted around a generous waist, he may remind you of a certain senor who caused quite a stir down Mexico way back in 1916. Or, when you see his smile and hear some of his home-spun humor, and philosophy, you may think of a mythical gent up in Cold River, Vermont, who loves to remove his shoes and sit on the porch of his hardware store and pass out advice and be a father confessor to all. When he speaks you will listen, for 23 years on one job, one ranger district and one forest is a long time. His stories may be humorous or they may be tragic, but whatever their tenor, you will gladly listen; whether you are a dumb rockie or a ninety-day wonder, you can't help knowing you are hearing the voice of experience. His stories and humor always shorten a long night patrol, and a day at a checking station is always shorter if he happens to be around.

'His sales talk for his mythical 'Grasshoppers & Garden Hackle, Any Color, Inc., is a masterpiece of mirth. His description of his famous 'green persimmon poultice' for drawing fish into a landing net, will leave a fisherman standing in open-mouthed wonder. His calling all strangers either 'Stegall' or 'Philbert' is his trademark.

'This man, with his humor and his stories is as much a part of the Pisgah as Looking Glass Rock, the Pink Beds or Davidson River. He is the one and only Perry Davis, game warden.'

"That's Perry Davis, all right, and hunting and fishing in Western North Carolina wouldn't be quite the same without him, would it?"

- - Reprinted from "Woods and Waters of Carolina Mountains", by Chief Campfire, well-known columnist for Asheville-Citizen.

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Two National Wildlife Management Preserves -- the Catahoula and the Red Dirt -- were established on the Kisatchie National Forest in Louisiana by Presidential Proclamation, signed September 27. The preserves were established because the game on these areas, particularly deer, has been seriously depleted, thus making it necessary to provide special protection and management to the end that the present animals may form a nucleus for stocking these and other areas.

#### COLMER APPOINTED TO NERC

Representative William M. Colmer, of the 6th District of Mississippi, has been appointed a member of the National Forest Reservation Commission to fill the position left vacant when Representative Doxey was elected to the Senate.

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#### FOREST SERVICE DEVISES TREE PLANTING MACHINE

It will come as good news to the planting crews, to whom heretofore has fallen the back-breaking job of planting Uncle Sam's trees, that a tree planting machine has been developed for use on the Shelterbelts of the Prairie States Forestry Project.

The machine with a crew of three and a helper is capable of planting an average of about a mile of 10-row shelterbelt in an 8-hour day - about 8,000 trees and shrubs of several different species. A 12-man crew using hand tools will plant about 6,000 trees and shrubs per day.

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#### PERSONNEL CHANGES

Senior Clerk William B. Wise of the South Carolina Supervisor's office has tendered his resignation to accept an appointment with the U. S. Civil Service Commission.

William M. Haverfield, Under Clerk-Typist in the Regional Division of Operation, has resigned to enter school.

Robarts T. Hedden, Assistant Cadastral Engineer in the Regional Division of Engineering, has tendered his resignation to accept an appointment with the War Department.

Miss Sara F. Taylor has been probationally appointed as telephone operator in the Regional Office.

Mrs. Mildred M. Warner, Assistant Clerk-Stenographer in the Ouachita Supervisor's office, has resigned to be married.

Senior Forest Ranger Alva B. Williams has been transferred from the Sam Houston District of the Texas to the Ozark where he is assigned as assistant to the district ranger on the Mount Magazine Ranger District.

Senior Foreman Cleve Gray of the Ozark has tendered his resignation to farm.



## THE LOOKOUT

Regional Forester Kircher has returned from a visit to the Florida Forests where he joined Acting Chief Earle H. Clapp on a tour through the forests.

Region 8 is proud of its two authors who made the October issue of the FOREST SERVICE BULLETIN. Congratulations go to Mrs. Alice Edgerton Copeland for her excellent and clever article "From the Ranks that File", and to Claude C. Bell for his amusing and thought-provoking "Frankie Farmer".

Junior Supervisor Charles Walter Melichar, weight 8 pounds, arrived at the home of Supervisor and Mrs. Charles Melichar of the Nantahala on October 11. Congratulations to the proud parents and the best of everything to the future supervisor.

A delightful social event of November 1 was the picnic given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Marshall by the Division of Fiscal Control. The guests assembled at Adams Park about dusk and supper was prepared over a huge open fire. Every one reports a wonderful time in spite of many of the guests getting lost and searching parties having to be formed.

The Supervisor's office at Russellville, Arkansas, at the moment serves as a striking example of the cosmopolitan influence of the Service. During the past month, Supervisor and Mrs. Branch, representing Wisconsin and Nova Scotia have been getting acquainted with new personnel including the L. E. Kirvens from South Carolina, the W. C. Callanders from Idaho, the Ray Brandts from Pennsylvania and Texas, and the D. W. Nichols from Alabama and North Carolina. This seems a very good cross-section of the country to land in one office within the space of two months. True to Forest Service tradition, they are all loyal Arkansawyers now.

A recent visitor to the Regional Office was Mrs. Elizabeth Pitt of the Division of Information and Education, Washington Office. Betty spent several years in Region 8 and has a host of friends here who are always glad to welcome her back to the South.

Recent Office visitors were:

Mr. L. S. Bean, Washington Office  
Mr. C. N. Gibb, Southern Division AAA, Washington  
Mr. D. L. Davies, AAA, Washington  
Mr. J. Charles Poe, Commissioner, Conservation  
Department, Nashville, Tenn.  
Mr. B. M. Lufburrow, Camp Stewart Acquisition Project,  
Hinesville, Ga.  
Forest Supervisor P. H. Gerrard, Cleveland, Tenn.  
Mr. Paul H. Russell, Regional Forester, FSA, Montgomery, Ala.  
Mr. H. C. Carruth, Extension Forester, Athens, Ga.  
Mr. L. B. Anderson, Nantahala National Forest  
Mr. George M. Henderson, Promotion Manager for Timberline  
Lodge.



The following poem, sent in by Dr. H. N. Wheeler,  
will no doubt provoke a smile from every man who has had a  
hand in making an itinerary.

THE ROUTE MAKER  
(by Edgar A. Guest)

The route-maker sat in his office warm, with a  
lecturer's dates before him,  
And he heaved a sigh as he started in to work  
out a schedule for him.

"Now what will I do with this chap," said he,  
"who preaches of doctrines sunny,  
"To be sure he'll know, when his day is done, he  
has honestly earned his money."

He thumbed his tables and railroad guides and  
he cunningly planned and planned:  
"Now here's a train he can take," said he, "a local  
to Lecture Land:  
"It will leave Last Night about one-fifteen and get  
into Fine and Dirty  
By way of the village of Sleepyville and connect  
with the seven-thirty.

"In two hours more I can dump him off at the  
Village of Stand and Wait,  
"Where till 4 p. m. he can watch the boys in the  
railroad yard shunt freight:  
"Then he can climb on the old fourteen," and he  
grinned in his glee - the sinner.  
"And get there in time for his lecture date, but  
he'll lecture without his dinner."

Now I hold no grudge against any one. I have  
followed the route man's chart,  
And though I have raged at the trips he planned,  
no malice is in my heart:  
I have suffered and hungered and cursed him,  
too, but a glad farewell I wave him -  
Though he's doomed to the sulphurous realms below  
I'll pray to the Lord to save him.

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